



**Written Testimony of
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Good Afternoon Senator Gomes, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang and Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **Senate Bill No. 6784 AA Expanding Paid Sick Leave**. My name is Sharon Palmer and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

Governor Malloy championed the first-in-the-nation paid sick leave law that has proven to be successful in Connecticut. Other states have successfully followed Connecticut's lead on paid sick leave. Efforts to expand or otherwise modify the paid sick leave law in this state will be carefully reviewed by the Administration if this legislation proceeds through the Labor and Public Employees Committee and the General Assembly.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.